



# MARION

2013  
SINGLE VINEYARD GRENACHE SHIRAZ

LIMITED RELEASE

*Our family range reflects the progression of the Patritti business since its establishment in 1926. The single vineyard wines showcase our founder's understanding of the importance of terroir through the selection and subsequent purchase of these vineyards. The other wines tell the story of our home, our journey, our legacy.*

*When Giovanni Patritti arrived in Australia in 1925 he decided the Marion district was the perfect place to grow grapes and set up his family wine business. Only a few tiny vineyards remain; the most significant of these is the world famous, council owned, Marion vineyard. Over 100 years old, the vineyard is a reminder of the history of the district and the quality of the produce it was famous for. In 2006 the City of Marion decided that the last operational winery in the district, Patritti, should be given the responsibility of caring for the vineyard. We take our custodianship of this precious vineyard with great pride.*

## VINEYARD

The city of Marion was once known as the 'Garden of Adelaide', with the rich, fertile soils producing vegetables, almonds, stone fruits and grapes. By the 1950s population growth and the demand for housing saw much of the land converted to residential allotments and dwellings. Now well over 100 years old the Marion Vineyard is the world's oldest commercial, urban vineyard and one of the few remaining glimpses into the city's agricultural past.

## VINTAGE

Solid winter rains provided good levels of subsoil moisture before a dry spring. Summer continued dry with mild daytime temperatures and cool evenings. A burst of heat in late January quickened fruit ripening and lead to a short, compact vintage. Overall fruit quality was very high with small berries, great flavour and balanced acidity.

## VINIFICATION

When optimal flavour and tannin ripeness was reached the Shiraz and Grenache were hand picked, crushed and co-fermented as an expression of the famous Marion Vineyard site rather than varietal expression. Once complete the ferment was transferred to a mix of 20% new and 80% seasoned French oak for 15 months.

## TASTING COMMENTS

Deep crimson in colour with a classic Grenache nose of raspberries, plums and cherries. The fruits flow through to the palate along with black fruits, dry spicy notes of cardamom and cloves. Medium bodied and delightfully textural, the tannins are subtle yet supportive and in perfect balance.

## CELLARING

Drink now or cellar for up to 10 years

## FOOD PAIRING

Char-grilled kangaroo with spiced beetroot salad

## WINEMAKERS

James Mungall & Ben Heide



REGION: Adelaide  
SUB-REGION: Marion  
VARIETAL: Grenache (88%),  
Shiraz (12%)  
ALC/VOL: 14.5%